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H.R. No. 2844

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of a distinguished U.S. Army veteran and
2 successful entrepreneur came to a close with the untimely death of
3 Frederick A. Cannan on June 7, 2005; and

4 WHEREAS, Fred Cannan was born on September 18, 1969, in
5 Hialeah, Florida; in 1988, he graduated from Barron Collier High
6 School, where he was a member of the wrestling team and a two-time
7 state champion, and he went on to earn a bachelor's degree in
8 history at the University of South Florida; and

9 WHEREAS, For 12 years, Fred Cannan served as an Army Ranger;
10 he fought in Iraq during Operation Desert Storm and also during
11 Operation Iraqi Freedom, in which he was a primary war planner with
12 the 3-15 Infantry; in the course of his military career, he received
13 the Bronze Star, the George C. Marshall Award, and the Presidential
14 Unit Citation, among other accolades, and he retired with the rank
15 of captain; in addition, he was a member of the All Army Wrestling
16 Team, and his considerable skill in that sport allowed him the
17 opportunity to compete in the U.S. Olympic trials; and

18 WHEREAS, After retiring from the armed forces, Fred Cannan
19 drew on his military experience as cofounder of the adventure-based
20 training company Odyssey Experiences, which he served as chief
21 operations officer; and

22 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Fred Cannan enjoyed the
23 support of his wife, Marie, and their two children; in his leisure
24 time, he loved to ride his motorcycle, go fishing, play golf, and

1 visit with his friends; and

2 WHEREAS, Held in the highest regard by all who knew him, Fred
3 Cannan ably served his country in two wars, and he built a life that
4 was remarkably rich in family, friends, and accomplishments; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Frederick A. Cannan
8 and offer sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
9 wife, Marie Cannan; to his children, Hunter Nathaniel Cannan and
10 Cory Evan Cannan; to his parents, George and Miriam Cannan; to his
11 siblings, Shawn Cannan and his wife, Dana, and Kerri Cannan; to his
12 parents-in-law, Elias and Nellie Seda; to his sisters-in-law, Saudi
13 Cantwell and her husband, Keith, and Ericka Ehling and her husband,
14 Jim; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Fred
18 Cannan.